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PATENT APPLICATION
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of applications received for providing patents and patents granted during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the ratio of patents granted to India is one out of 800 granted globally; and

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government to minimise this gap?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) & (b) : The details of patent applications received and the patents granted during the last three years is as under:

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Patent Applications filed	17,466	24,505	28,882
Patents Granted	1,911	4,320	7,539

About 600,000 patents were granted worldwide in the year 2005 as per the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) Patent Report: Statistics on Worldwide Patent Activities (2007 Edition). This number includes patents obtained in different countries for the same invention also.

(c): The action taken by the Government to modernise and strengthen the Intellectual Property Office is as under:

(i) A scheme of Modernisation of Intellectual Property offices was implemented at a cost of Rs.153.00 crore during the 9th and 10th Five Year Plans for Infrastructure development, computerization, human resource development and training and awareness.

(ii) Four new integrated Intellectual Property Offices were set up in Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai and Mumbai.

(iii) Work for the setting of the National Institute of Intellectual Property Management at Nagpur for strengthening training, education, research and think tank activities in the field of intellectual property has commenced.

(iv) E-filing of patent applications has been made operational with effect from 20th July, 2007.

(v) Seminars/Conferences/Workshops at national and international level have been organized for creating awareness and promotion of Intellectual Property Rights.

(vi) Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) have been signed between India and France, United States of America, United Kingdom, European Patent Office, Japan, Switzerland and Germany for cooperation in the field of Intellectual Property Rights.